New Telephone Eischange in Punjab during 1997-98

2335. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state;

(a) the places in Punjab wher-i new telephone exchanges are proposed to be set up during the year 1997.98;

(b) by when such exchanges would start functjoning;

(c) the number of village Pancha->ats in the State where telephone facilities were provided during the last three years and till-date. dis-tnct-wise; and

(d) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNI-CATltONS (SHRI JBENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) It is pitoposed to *i.ec* up new Telephone Exchjanges at 50 places in Punjab during 1997-98. Details are given in Statemeuit-I *(See below).*

(b) These exchanges are to be set up progressively during 1997-98.

(c) Telephone facilities were-picvilded in 3943 village Panchayats-during the last 3 years and in 173 village Panchayats from 1.4.1997 to 31.7.1997. SSA/district-wise details are given in Statement-Il (See *he-low)* .

(d) The programme for provisioi of VPTs is a continuous process and Bnnual target for Punjab in this re gard during 1997.98 is 1990.

Statement-I

New Telephone Exchange proposed to be opened during 1997-98 *Punjab Circle*

S.No.	NameofSSA	Locations
1.	Aniritsar .	. Vairowal Bhojean Kaleke Chhajalwadi
2.	Bhatinda	. Sardargarh Teona Piujarian Ganga/Ablir Pacca Kalan Mehraj Lalearma
3.	Chandigarh(UT)	. Nayan Goan Bhang erkhera Haripura Kandhwala Amarkot Kikar Khera Panni wala Deep Singh wala Durgamane Kanakwali Machki Mai Singh Pindi Balochan
5.	Hoshiarpur	Baddon
6.	Jalandhar	Chitti Kang Sahbee

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7.		Kheri Naudh Singh
8.		Raigarh Kularan Malewal Pabri Chappar Kulburcha Hari Nagar Kherki Nalash Gharam Namnana
9.		Ghose wah Mallianwal Chone NikeBaiia
10	Sangrur	. Mehlan, Mandi, Kanakwal Raidhiana and Chotian
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Statement-II

Details of Village Panchayats Telephone Provided During

Name of SSA	Districts included in SSA	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	From 1-4-1997 To 31-7-1997
Amritsar .	Amritsar	152	49	227	32
Bliatinda .	Bhatiada, Mansa	12		19	
Chandigarh (UT)	Chand^arh	1		55	
Ferozepur	Ferozepur, Moga, Muktsar, Faridkot	64	93	328	26
Hoshiarpur	Hoshiarpur	83	31	829	
Jalandliar	Jalandhar, Nava-Sahar, Kapurthala	30	38	406	50
Ludhiana	Ludhiana	76	12	252	
Pathankot	Pathankot	56	94	270	
Patiala	Patiala, Fatehgarli Sahib	83	6	427	12
Ropar	Ropar			187	50
Sangrur	Sangrur	48	15		
		605	338	3000	170